

# ELLIOTT BAY NRDA RESTORATION

## Fact Sheet SB-1

Seaboard Vision

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### TRUSTEE VISION FOR SEABOARD LUMBER SITE AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

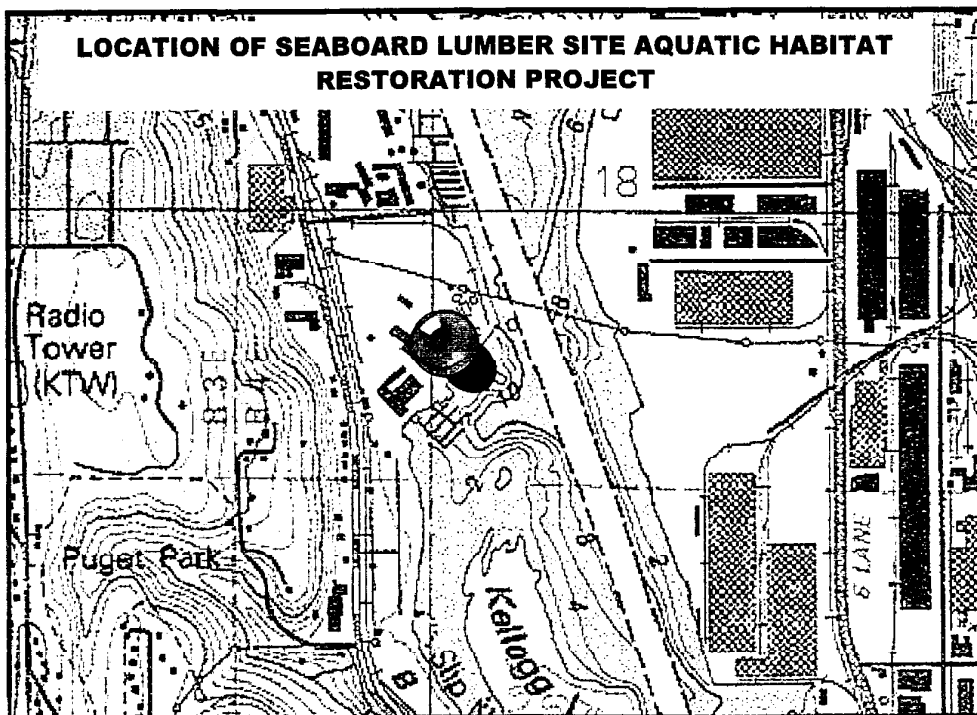
The Trustee's vision focuses on restoring the various habitat components of the Elliott Bay and lower Duwamish River ecosystems through pollutant source control, sediment remediation, and habitat development. The vision places emphasis on reducing, rescheduling, or eliminating combined sewer overflows, educating people about nonpoint pollution problems in the watershed, removing contaminated sediments to improve resource and human health, and the restoration or replacement of estuarine and marine habitats.

#### GOAL:

The goal of the Seaboard Lumber Site Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project is to add important habitat to two other natural areas in the last remaining oxbow of the Duwamish River. This major restoration project will provide a significant increase in upper intertidal marsh habitat for salmonid use and add a riparian buffer next to an existing greenbelt for wildlife use.

#### OBJECTIVES:

1. Remove existing concrete pads, remains of pier, and creosote-treated pilings.
2. Excavate the site to create an intertidal lagoon.
3. Provide a riparian buffer zone around the site for wildlife enhancement and to screen adjoining industrial sites and roadway.
4. Design protective peninsulas in such a way as to ensure tidal flushing of lagoon while minimizing the collection of man-made debris.
5. Encapsulate remaining contaminated soils to prevent movement through wave erosion.
6. Provide limited parking and trail access for public environmental educational opportunities.



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### **PROGRESS TO DATE:**

- Hydrologic investigations and bathymetric survey completed.
- Preliminary designs completed.
- Preliminary Environmental Assessment completed.

### **SCOPE SCHEDULE:**

- 100% of contract documents completed by 6/1/98.
- Submit JARPA application by 2/28/98.
- Draft Environmental Assessment completed by 3/30/98.
- Public comments due on Environmental Assessment by 5/15/98.
- Final Environmental Assessment completed 7/1/98.
- Permits issued by 7/15/98.
- Site development begins 8/98, continues into 1999.

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### **ONGOING TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

1. The selection of habitat restoration sites in Elliott Bay and the lower Duwamish River.
2. Project planning and coordination for restoration projects.
3. The evaluation of proposed habitat mitigation projects which could potentially impact migratory fishes or restrict safe navigation.

### **HOW CAN THE PUBLIC STAY INVOLVED?**

Public participation is an important component of restoration planning. You are encouraged to become involved in the restoration planning process because the natural resources in Elliott Bay and the Duwamish River are your resources. If you have questions or would like to be on a mailing list to receive notice of opportunities to participate, please contact:

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